

REMARKS

In the present paper, claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled; claims 4-5 and 14-15 were canceled in previous papers. Claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-20 and 23-29 are presented for consideration by the Examiner in view of the following remarks.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected all pending claims under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over U.S. Patent No. 6,134,318. Applicant has filed herewith a terminal disclaimer and associated fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and submits that that rejection is thereby overcome.

Claims 21 and 22

The Examiner has rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,064,730 (the '730 patent). In the interest of expediency, and without prejudice, Applicant has canceled claims 21 and 22.

Claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-20 and 23-29

Applicant understands that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-20 and 23-29. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of those claims

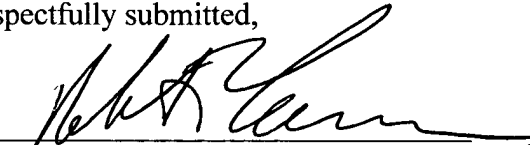
Conclusion

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-20 and 23-29 are in condition for allowance, and earnestly request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate in contacting the undersigned at the number provided below.

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